

NEEDHAM HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE MINUTES

June 20, 2013

ATTENDEES: Amelia Klein, Marlene Schultz, Cynthia Ganung, Olly Harari, Ashok Mehta, Nathan Rosin, Abdul CaderAsmal; apology John Schlittler

The Minutes of the Meeting of May 16 were approved

Old Business:

1. The HRC is still short of its full quorum. Mr. MacFadden has expressed an interest in joining and will contact the Town itself. Cynthia will contact the Housing Authority for potential membership and Nathan will try to get in touch with his Realtor 'connections'. Sandra Walters has made a commitment to be more involved in future HRC meetings.
2. Student Logos - Amelia made several attempts to express her appreciation to the students at the High School for their volunteer efforts to come up with a suitable Logo for the Needham HRC.
3. Needham Times - The Needham Times has provided an excellent preview of the forthcoming Diversity Summit in October; Amelia will clarify with Editor Valentina Zic as to the best timing to get publicity for oncoming NHRC activities.
4. Brochure - The HRC has an outdated brochure that needs to document its mission statement as well as its charges, committee members, and updated contact information. Nathan will have the first crack at it
5. Diversity Summit – The planning committee in which Amelia and Nathan are involved is making great headway; with the details they have at their disposal there may well be a need to be more selective. With respect to registering for the event Amelia advised that all representatives of the HRC should identify themselves as such.

New Business :

NHRC Fall Event – Nov. 21, 2013: Both Marlene and Abdul ended up contacting the ACLU with respect to organizing the planned Conference in November on issues of human rights. Marlene contacted Laura Rotolo who evidently approved of the videos on the Universal Declaration of Human Rights which she will supplement with her own power point presentation. The title for what may conceivably end up as a 3-part presentation was chosen with the help of Olly as "SPOTLIGHT ON HUMAN RIGHTS". Though not discussed in any detail the first talk could be entitled "Human and Civil Rights Rights 101"; the second, "Global Violation of Human Rights", and the third one "The Insidious erosion of Civil and Human Rights at home".

Ashok volunteered to be the point person on the HRC webpage

Future meetings dates were approved; Next meeting 9/19/2013.

Respectfully submitted Abdul